



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Henning Gold et al.

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Title: GAS SPRING DAMPER UNIT FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on December 8, 2004. Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicants further respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

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Applicant's limitations in the remaining claims directed to the specifics of the shape of the piston fluid passages are simply an obvious alternative design equivalent of the piston fluid passages in DE '932, as modified above simply dependent upon the damping characteristics of the spring desired.


Applicants urge that none of the references teaches or suggests the construction specifications presented in the subclaims of the present application.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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